

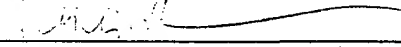
(claims 8-15). Upon allowance of linking claim 1, claims 8-15 directed toward invention I will be entitled to examination on the merits in the instant application.

Applicant submits that claim 1 is generic to both groups of claims. Applicant requests the Examiner to reconsider this restriction requirement and allow the application to be prosecuted as a whole. The searches for these claims would overlap. It would not be unduly burdensome for the patent office to allow these claims to be prosecuted in a single application.

Prosecution on the merits of the subject application, with the provisionally elected Group I is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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